(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Nationalisation of Rivers

3971. SHRI GANDHI AZAD : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to nationalise all rivers in the country to help prevent drought and ease drinking water problems; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) :

(a) and (b) There is no proposal to nationalise the rivers in the country.

Cleaning of Canals in U.P.

†3972. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the bridges constructed over the various canals in the districts of Muzaffarnagar, Azamgarh and Mou have become damaged and the canals remain to be uncleaned ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to get the bridges repaired and the canals cleaned ?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.